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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY COOPERATION SYSTEM FOR U.S. GRAIN
EXPORTS.

REF: TEHRAN 9023

1. USDA HAS EXAMINED THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY GOI REPORTED
IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL. WE CAN CONFIRM THAT ORDERS LISTED IN
SUB-PARA E HAVE BEEN REGISTERED AND WHERE NECESSARY (ORDERS
OVER 50,000 TONS AFTER OCTOBER 5,) RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM
USG. THUS THESE ORDERS ARE INCLUDED IN OVERALL TOTAL FOR
THIS CROP YEAR EITHER ALREADY SHIPPED TO IRAN OR APPROVED
FOR SHIPMENT.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM GOI THAT WE HAVE EXAMINED LIST
OF ORDERS PROVIDED REFTEL AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT ALL THESE
ORDERS HAVE RECEIVED APPROVAL. AT THE SAME TIME EMBASSY
SHOULD INDICATE OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT GOI HAS NOW COM-
PLETED ITS PURCHASES AND THAT USG DOES NOT PLAN TO APPROVE
ANY FURTHER ORDERS WHICH MIGHT BE SUBMITTED.

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3. BEGIN FYI. USG HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPROACHED BY US

GRAIN EXPORTING FIRM WITH REQUEST THAT WE CONSIDER NEW ORDER OF 200,000 OF WHITE WHEAT FOR IRAN. IN THIS INSTANCE, COMPANY APPARENTLY HELD CONVERSATIONS WITH IRANIANS BUT DOES NOT YET HAVE FIRM CONTRACT WITH GOI. IF THIS WHEAT SHIPMENT WERE APPROVED, IT WOULD APPARENTLY

INVOLVE TRANSSHIPMENT THROUGH THE USSR TO NORTHERN IRAN.

4. WE PLAN TO INFORM US EXPORTING COMPANY THAT IN ANY CASE UNDER NEW SYSTEM WE WOULD REQUIRE SIGNED CONTRACT WITH GOI BEFORE WE COULD OFFICIALLY CONSIDER NEW REQUEST FOR 200,000 TONS WHITE WHEAT. SINCE ORDERS LISTED IN SUB-PARA E OF REFTEL ALREADY APPROVED, AND SINCE GOI EARLIER GAVE ASSURANCES THAT IT HAD COMPLETED ALL PURCHASES FOR REMAINDER OF THIS CROP YEAR, WE WOULD ALSO INDICATE TO FIRM, HOWEVER, THAT NEW ORDER WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO SUBSTANTIAL ORDERS ALREADY APPROVED WHICH IN OUR VIEW ALREADY COVER IRANIAN NEEDS FOR REMAINDER OF CROP YEAR. END FYI. MAW

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